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In the matter of,

Order Instituting Informational Proceeding
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Docket No. 09-OII-1

NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
RE: Revisions to Program
Guidelines

Notice To Consider Adoption of Revisions to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (Formula-Based Grants) Guidelines

The California Energy Commission will hold a regularly scheduled Business Meeting on:

OCTOBER 28, 2010

10 a.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

Audio from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet.

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As part of the October 28, 2010 Business Meeting, the Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (Formula-Based Grant) Guidelines* (Guidelines). These Guidelines were developed to help implement and administer grants to small jurisdictions funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program.

At the direction of the Energy Commission's Federal Stimulus Program (ARRA) Committee, proposed changes have been made to the Guidelines to clarify conditions under which partnerships and individual jurisdictions may be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the execution of a funding award agreement. The proposed changes to the EECBG Program Guidelines appear in Section 4 at page 6 of the Guidelines. The proposed changes to the Guidelines are as follows:

An applicant may not begin work on that portion of a project awarded funding under these *Guidelines* before the Energy Commission's approval of the applicant's award agreement. Project expenses incurred before the approval of a funding award agreement are not eligible for reimbursement under the funding award agreement, except in the case of collaborative applicants where extensive coordination is necessary to effectively implement the project(s). A collaborative applicant may be reimbursed for its application development costs up to a total of \$40,000 or one-percent of the funding award amount, whichever is less.

The ARRA Committee recommends the Committee Draft version of the Guideline revisions be adopted by the Energy Commission.

Hard copies of the Committee Draft version of the Guidelines may be obtained by contacting Gigi Tien by phone at (916) 651-0566 or by email at gtien@energy.state.ca.us.

Comments

Written comments concerning the Committee Draft version of the Guideline revisions should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on October 21, 2010. Please include the docket number 09-OII-1 and indicate Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail an original to:

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Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-1
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The Energy Commission encourages written comments preferably by e-mail. Please include your name or the name of your organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (.pdf) to docket@energy.state.ca.us. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

All written comments related to the Guidelines will be filed with the Dockets Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Oral comments on these Guideline revisions will also be accepted at the Energy Commission's Business Meeting.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please contact John Sugar, Manager, Special Projects Office at (916) 654-4563 or via e-mail at jsugar@energy.state.ca.us.

Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving updates and notices to sign up for the List Server at www.energy.ca.gov/recovery.

Date: October 13, 2010

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